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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicant(s) bring(s) the following documents to the Examiner's attention in the above-referenced application:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,550,981, issued 08/27/1996, to Bauer et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,678,007, issued 10/14/1997, to Hurvig;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,832,512, issued 11/03/1998, to Mastors et al.;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,852,717, issued 12/22/1998, to Bhide et al.;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,867,650, issued 02/02/1999, to Osterman;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,867,652, issued 02/02/1999, to Hurvig;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,896,508, issued 04/20/1999, to Lee;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,898,830, issued 04/27/1999, to Wesinger, Jr. et al.;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,924,116, issued 07/13/1999, to Aggarwal et al.;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,935,249, issued 08/10/1999, to Stern et al.;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,941,988, issued 08/24/1999, to Bhagwat et al.;
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27. Goldszmidt et al., "Scaling Internet Services by Dynamic Allocation of Connections," Integrated Network Management, 1999, Proceedings, 6th IFIP/IEEE Int. Sym. on, pp. 171-184;
28. Kant et al., "Server Capacity Planning for Web Traffic Workload, Knowledge and Data Engineering," IEEE Transactions on, Vol. 11, No. 5, September-October 1999, pp. 731-747;
29. Lin et al., "Speech Communication for Working Group Based on LAN," Communications, 1999, APCC/OECC 1999, 5th APC and 4th Optoelectronics and Communications Conference, Vol. 2, 1999, pp. 880-883; and
30. Cohen et al., "Connection Caching," Proceedings of the 31st Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing, 1999, pp. 612-621.

A PTO form 1449 (3 pages) listing these documents is enclosed.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware.

Citation of the above documents shall not be construed as:

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3. an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

To Applicant's knowledge, a first office action on the merits has not yet been mailed in this application. Therefore, no fee is due. 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

Respectfully Submitted,

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